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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISITS TO TUNISIA ON AGRICULTURAL MATTERS

REF: STATE 95257

1. WHILE EMBASSY AGREEABLE TO PROPOSED MURRAY VISIT TO TUNISIA, TENTATIVE DATES OF MAY 13-15 NOT POSSIBLE SINCE AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR HEADED BY ASST SEC OF AGRICULTURE ROBERT LONG BEING HELD AT SAME TIME. SUGGEST SCHEDULE FOR TUNISIA BE CHANGED TO WEEK BEGINNING MAY 17. WHILE MAIN CONTACT WOULD BE CEREALS OFFICE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS OTHER CONTACTS WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORD FOUNDATION, UNION OF AGRICULTURALISTS, AND PRIVATE CEREALS AGENTS AND FLOUR MILLERS. FOR PROGRAMMING PURPOSES, WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER MURRAY SPEAKS FRENCH.

2. ALTHOUGH SURVEY OF TUNISIAN SHORT- AND LONG-RANGE WHEAT PRODUCTION AND IMPORT PROSPECTS USEFUL, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE ARE OTHER GENERAL AGRICULTURAL AREAS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY EXAMINED AND REPORTED ON IN SOME TIME, NOTABLY OTHER CEREALS, CITRUS, OLIVE OIL, TOBACCO, FISHERIES, LIVESTOCK, ETC. DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION IN THESE AREAS BY CORRESPONDENCE OR THROUGH LOCAL PRESS. SUGGEST UNCLASSIFIED

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DESIRABILITY OF EARLY VISIT TO TUNIS BY AGRICULTURAL

ATTACHE RABAT. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL AGRICULTURAL REPORTING, AGATT COULD ALSO PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION TO GOT RE IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE I WHEAT SALES AGREEMENT WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY BE CONCLUDED SOON.

3. WE ALSO WISH REMIND USDA AND AGATT RABAT OF NEED TO INFORM EMBASSY WELL IN ADVANCE OF ALL PROSPECTIVE OFFICIAL TRAVEL HERE IN ORDER MAXIMIZE RESULTS OF VISIT TO TUNISIA AND ASSURE ACCOMMODATIONS. PETER W. JACOBS, EMPLOYEE OF STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPT OF AGRICULTURE ON LOAN TO FAS/USDA FOR SURVEY OF US AGRICULTURAL EXPORT POSSIBILITIES, ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETER VINCENT BIOLLEY, EMPLOYEE OF AGATT OFFICE RABAT, ARRIVED UNANNOUNCED AND UNMET, WITHOUT HOTEL RESERVATIONS, APRIL 19. NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY ABLE TO WORK OUT SATISFACTORY PROGRAM FOR VISIT.  
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